

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim Amendment Summary

Claims pending

- Before this Amendment: Claims 1-28.
- After this Amendment: Claims 1-28

Non-Elected, Canceled, or Withdrawn claims: None

Amended claims: 1-4, 8, 10, 11, 13, 17, 20, 21 and 25

New claims: None

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium having processor-executable instructions that, when executed by a processor, performs a method comprising:

presenting an electronic program guide (EPG) user interface (UI) illustrating a schedule of multimedia programming in a grid pattern;

monitoring user interactions with the EPG UI;

in response to one or more triggering user interactions, presenting a quick EPG-navigation UI having one or more user-selectable options therein;

responding to a user's selection of one or more of the options of the quick EPG-navigation UI.

2. (Currently Amended) A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the method further comprises generating the quick EPG-navigation UI and determining which user-selectable options to include based upon context of user interactions with the EPG UI before a triggering user interaction.

3. (Currently Amended) A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the method further comprises generating the quick EPG-navigation UI and determining positioning of the quick EPG-navigation UI within the EPG UI based upon context of user interactions with the EPG UI before a triggering user interaction.

4. (Currently Amended) A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the method further comprises generating the quick EPG-navigation UI and determining positioning of the quick EPG-navigation UI within the grid pattern of the schedule of multimedia programming based upon context of user interactions with the EPG UI before a triggering user interaction.

5. (Original) A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein a triggering user interaction comprises one or more "scroll-forward" selections, such selection are indicative of a user's desire to see future scheduled programming in the EPG UI.

6. (Original) A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the triggering user interactions are selected from a group consisting of:

- multiple repeated performance of a "scroll-forward" selection action which advances a presentation of a schedule of programming in the grid of the EPG UI a predefined amount of time into the future;
- a predefined number of multiple repeated performance of a "scroll-forward" selection action;
- a performance of a designated selection action.

7. (Original) A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the user-selectable options are selected from a group consisting of:

- option to search future programming based upon one or more characteristics of that programming;
- option to look ahead into the schedule of multimedia programming of the EPG UI;
- option to view one or more live television multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more on-demand multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more pay-per-view multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more locally stored multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more pay-per-view multimedia programs;

- option to view one or more multimedia commercial messages;
- option to filter or otherwise adjust the parameters that determine which programs are listed by time within the grid.

8. (Currently Amended) A medium as recited in claim 1, after the presenting of the quick EPG-navigation UI, the quick EPG-navigation UI comprises one or more display areas, wherein contents of such display areas are selected from a group consisting of:

- one or more options to search future programming based upon one or more characteristics of that programming;
- one or more options to look ahead into the schedule of multimedia programming of the EPG UI;
- one or more options to view one or more live television multimedia programs;
- one or more options to view one or more on-demand multimedia programs;
- one or more options to view one or more pay-per-view multimedia programs;
- one or more options to view one or more locally stored multimedia programs;

- one or more options to view one or more multimedia commercial messages;
- one or more options to filter or otherwise adjust the parameters that determine which programs are listed by time within the grid.

9. (Original) A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the responding to the user's selection comprises presenting new content of which is selected from a group consisting of:

- a new EPG UI listing future programming based upon one or more characteristics of that programming;
- a new grid showing a schedule of upcoming multimedia programming of the EPG UI starting at a time in the future;
- a live television multimedia program;
- a on-demand multimedia program;
- a pay-per-view multimedia program;
- a locally stored multimedia program;
- a multimedia commercial message.

10. (Currently Amended) A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein after the presenting of the quick EPG-navigation UI, the EPG UI comprises:

a first display area comprises at least a portion of the schedule of multimedia programming in a grid pattern;

a second display area comprises the quick EPG-navigation UI.

11. (Currently Amended) A medium as recited in claim 1, wherein the quick EPG-navigation UI is presented so that it is inlaid between time blocks of the schedule of multimedia programming in the grid pattern.

12. (Original) A multimedia presentation system comprising:

a multimedia presentation device;

a medium as recited in claim 1.

13. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium having processor-executable instructions that, when executed by a processor, performs a method comprising:

a means for monitoring user interactions with an electronic program guide (EPG) user interface (UI) illustrating a schedule of multimedia programming in a grid pattern;

a means for receiving a user interaction with the EPG UI;

a means for presenting a ~~quick~~ an inlaid quick EPG-navigation UI in response to one or more triggering user interactions, the inlaid quick EPG-navigation UI having user-selectable options, wherein the inlaid quick EPG-navigation UI is presented so that the inlaid quick EPG-navigation UI is logically inlaid between time blocks of the schedule of multimedia programming in the grid pattern;

a means for responding to a user's selection of one or more of the options of the inlaid quick EPG-navigation UI.

14. (Original) A medium as recited in claim 13 further comprising a means for presenting the EPG UI.

15. (Original) A medium as recited in claim 13, wherein the triggering user interactions are selected from a group consisting of:

- multiple repeated performance of a “scroll-forward” selection action which advances a presentation of a schedule of programming in the grid of the EPG UI a predefined amount of time into the future;
- a predefined number of multiple repeated performance of a “scroll-forward” selection action;
- a performance of a designated selection action.

16. (Original) A medium as recited in claim 13, wherein the user-selectable options are selected from a group consisting of:

- option to search future programming based upon one or more characteristics of that programming;
- option to look ahead into the schedule of multimedia programming of the EPG UI;
- option to view one or more live television multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more on-demand multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more pay-per-view multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more locally stored multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more multimedia commercial messages;

- option to filter or otherwise adjust the parameters the determine which programs are listed by time within the grid.

17. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving one or more user interactions with an electronic program guide (EPG) user interface (UI) illustrating a schedule of multimedia programming in a grid pattern;

in response to one or more triggering user interactions, presenting a quick EPG-navigation UI having one or more user-selectable options therein;

receiving one or more user selections of one or more of the options of the quick EPG-navigation UI;

responding to such user selections.

18. (Original) A method as recited in claim 17, wherein the triggering user interactions are selected from a group consisting of:

- multiple repeated performance of a “scroll-forward” selection action which advances a presentation of a schedule of programming in the grid of the EPG UI a predefined amount of time into the future;

- a predefined number of multiple repeated performance of a “scroll-forward” selection action;

- a performance of a designated selection action.

19. (Original) A method as recited in claim 17, wherein the user-selectable options are selected from a group consisting of:

- option to search future programming based upon one or more characteristics of that programming;
- option to look ahead into the schedule of multimedia programming of the EPG UI;
- option to view one or more live television multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more on-demand multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more pay-per-view multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more locally stored multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more multimedia commercial messages;
- option to filter or otherwise adjust the parameters that determine which programs are listed by time within the grid.

20. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 17, wherein after presenting a quick EPG-navigation UI, the EPG UI comprises:

a first display area comprises at least a portion of the schedule of multimedia programming in a grid pattern;

a second display area comprises the quick EPG-navigation UI.

21. (Currently Amended) A multimedia presentation system comprising:

a presentation unit configured to present an electronic program guide (EPG) user interface (UI) illustrating a schedule of multimedia programming in a grid pattern

an input unit configured to monitor and receive user interactions with the EPG UI;

wherein the presentation unit is further configured to:

- present a quick EPG-navigation UI in response to one or more triggering user interactions received by the input unit, the quick EPG-navigation UI having one or more user-selectable options;
- present new content in response to one or more a user interactions received by the input unit, wherein such interactions are indicative of a user selection of one or more of the options of the quick EPG-navigation UI.

22. (Original) A system as recited in claim 21, wherein the new content is selected from a group consisting of:

- a new EPG UI listing future programming based upon one or more characteristics of that programming;
- a new grid showing a schedule of upcoming multimedia programming of the EPG UI starting at a time in the future;

- a live television multimedia program;
- a on-demand multimedia program;
- a pay-per-view multimedia program;
- a locally stored multimedia program;
- a multimedia commercial message.

23. (Original) A system as recited in claim 21, wherein the triggering user interactions are selected from a group consisting of:

- multiple repeated performance of a “scroll-forward” selection action which advances a presentation of a schedule of programming in the grid of the EPG UI a predefined amount of time into the future;
- a predefined number of multiple repeated performance of a “scroll-forward” selection action;
- a performance of a designated selection action.

24. (Original) A system as recited in claim 21, wherein the user-selectable options are selected from a group consisting of:

- option to search future programming based upon one or more characteristics of that programming;
- option to look ahead into the schedule of multimedia programming of the EPG UI;

- option to view one or more live television multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more on-demand multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more pay-per-view multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more locally stored multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more multimedia commercial messages;
- option to filter or otherwise adjust the parameters that determine

which programs are listed by time within the grid.

25. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium having processor-executable instructions that, when executed by a processor, produces an electronic program guide (EPG) user interface (UI), the UI comprising:

a first display area illustrating a schedule of multimedia programming in a grid pattern;

a second display area illustrating a ~~quick~~ an inlaid quick EPG-navigation UI, the inlaid quick EPG-navigation UI having one or more user-selectable options, the inlaid quick EPG-navigation UI positioned so that it is logically inlaid between time blocks of the schedule of multimedia programming in the grid pattern;

an executable process associated with one or more of the user-selectable options that is configured to present new content in response to one or more a user interactions received by the input unit that is indicative of a user selection of one or more of the options of the quick EPG-navigation UI.

26. (Original) A medium as recited in claim 25, wherein the new content is selected from a group consisting of:

- a new EPG UI listing future programming based upon one or more characteristics of that programming;
- a new grid showing a schedule of upcoming multimedia programming of the EPG UI starting at a time in the future;
- a live television multimedia program;
- a on-demand multimedia program;
- a pay-per-view multimedia program;
- a locally stored multimedia program;
- a multimedia commercial message.

27. (Original) A medium as recited in claim 25, wherein the triggering user interactions are selected from a group consisting of:

- multiple repeated performance of a "scroll-forward" selection action which advances a presentation of a schedule of programming in the grid of the EPG UI a predefined amount of time into the future;
- a predefined number of multiple repeated performance of a "scroll-forward" selection action;
- a performance of a designated selection action.

28. (Original) A medium as recited in claim 25, wherein the user-selectable options are selected from a group consisting of:

- option to search future programming based upon one or more characteristics of that programming;
- option to look ahead into the schedule of multimedia programming of the EPG UI;
- option to view one or more live television multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more on-demand multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more pay-per-view multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more locally stored multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more pay-per-view multimedia programs;
- option to view one or more multimedia commercial messages;
- option to filter or otherwise adjust the parameters that determine which programs are listed by time within the grid.